

DCA TRIATHLON AWARD PROGRAM

Effective January 2017

The Dachshund Club of America understands that the events held in conjunction with our National Specialty are more than just conformation. In an effort to promote the entire dachshund and showcase the versatility of our breed, DCA is awarding Triathlon awards to the dachshunds which distinguish themselves in performance and/or companion events at the National Specialty. Any dachshund qualifying in three or more different performance and/or companion event categories plus the Triathlon Conformation Evaluation will be recognized by the DCA with a Certificate of Achievement. The highest combined scoring dog will receive the title "DCA Triathlon Dog of the Year".

SCORING OF THE EVENTS

Dogs may use the points earned from only one class or test per category. Obedience and Rally are combined to form a single category for Triathlon purposes.

Tracking (Pass test)	
VST	10
TDX	10
TD	5

NOTE: If Tracking is not offered during DCA, any AKC Tracking Test passed since the last DCA will count for the Triathlon Tracking will not be offered in 2017. Tests passed since DCA 2016 will count for the Triathlon. If you have passed a test(s), please email your results to Tracy Freeling at taf76137@yahoo.com.

Field Trial		
Placement	FC	Open
1	10	5
2	9	4
3	8	3
4	7	2
NBQ/AOM	6	1

At the discretion of the judges, a maximum of 5 dogs from each Stake may be given an Award of Merit for Triathlon recognition.

Earth Dog	
ME	6
SE	4
JE	3

OBED/Rally									
Score	Utility	Pref Utility	Grad Open	Open	Pref Open	Grad Novice	Novice/Vet	Pref Novice	Beg Novice
194.5-200	10	9.5	9	8	7.5	7	6	5.5	5
188.5-194	9	8.5	8	7	6.5	6	5	4.5	4
182.5 - 188	8	7.5	7	6	5.5	5	4	3.5	3
176.5 - 182	7	6.5	6	5	4.5	4	3	2.5	2
170 - 176	6	5.5	5	4	3.5	3	2	1.5	1
Rally Ex / Adv	2								
Rally Novice	1								

Agility					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Q
Excellent/ Masters/Premier	10	9	8	7	6
Open	8	7	6	5	4
Novice	5	4	3	2	1
Excellent Pref	9	8	7	6	5
Open Pref	7	6	5	4	3
Novice Pref	4	3	2	1	1
Fast Excellent	5	4	3	2	1
Fast Open	4	3	2	1	1
Fast Novice	3	2	1	1	1
Fast Ex Pref	4	3	2	1	1
Fast Open Pref	3	2	1	1	1
Fast Novice Pref	2	1	1	1	1

The Triathlon Committee will select three judges to complete the Conformation Evaluation. (*Note: At least one of the judges must be approved by AKC to judge dachshunds*) The total judges' scores will be divided by the number of judges and rounded to the nearest whole number. Two or more judges rating the dog "Fail" will disqualify the dog from the Triathlon competition. AKC conformation Champions of record will automatically be granted 3 points and be exempted from the conformation evaluation process.

Conformation Evaluation	
Good	3
Average	2
Fair	1
Fail	DQ

ADDITIONAL RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

*Neutered/spayed dachshunds are eligible to compete.

*ILP dogs are eligible to compete and can earn a Certificate of Achievement, but are not eligible for Triathlon Dog of the Year.

*Entry in three or more DCA National performance and/or companion categories shall constitute an entry in the Triathlon. There is no entry fee.

*Any dachshund not able to participate in the Conformation Evaluation portion of the Triathlon shall be considered ineligible for competition.

*Only those scores earned in the DCA National performance and/or companion events shall count (note Tracking Exception). Host shows and Regional events held in conjunction with the DCA National shall not be considered a part of the Triathlon event.

*The DCA Board shall appoint a Triathlon Chairman who shall select a Committee to administer the program. The Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of developing a tracking system, prepare advertising, necessary forms and the general coordination of the program.